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80-mm were detrained at the Doeberitz (N 53/Z 65) railroad station. At about 5 a.m. on 2 November, troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, artillery pieces and trucks [redacted] were detrained. (1)

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2. On 5 November, Doeberitz-Altes Lager was occupied by about 3,000 troops. Soldiers observed wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia.

3. On 5 November, Olympisches Dorf seemed to be occupied to capacity by a tank unit. Troops were observed servicing motor vehicles. Trucks [redacted]

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were seen shuttling between Olympisches Dorf and the Panzer Kaserne, Rohrbeck. (3)

4. On 5 November, the Loewen Kaserne quartered about 2,500 troops. Troops were seen receiving basic training and drilling in groups up to platoon level. [redacted]

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5. On 5 November, the Adler Kaserne was occupied to capacity by about 3,000 troops. No training activity was noticed. [redacted] Troops observed at the post training area were engaged in infantry combat exercises at squad and platoon level, and in firing with infantry weapons. [redacted] troops with tanks, AT guns, AA guns and artillery pieces had entrained and detrained between 18 October and 2 November. (4)

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6. On 8 November, about 1,200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia, were seen boarding 32 boxcars at the Doeberitz railroad station. The troops had been hauled to the station on trucks [redacted]

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Comments.

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- (1) [redacted] a component of the 1st Meck Div was detrained on 2 November 1951. It possibly came from Jueterbog because [redacted] two troop trains [redacted] left Jueterbog for Doeberitz on 1 and 2 November respectively.

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[redacted] personnel of the 1st Mecz Div were loaded on 8 November 1951. Since the soldiers were unarmed, they are believed to have been discharges due for repatriation to the U.S.S.R.

- (2) [redacted] Altes Lager again quarters components of the 1st Mecz Div [redacted] 50X1-HUM

[redacted] The estimate of 3,000 troops in the present report cannot be evaluated. However, it appears plausible in view of the camp's billeting capacity.

- (3) [redacted] Olympisches Dorf is again occupied to capacity by components of the 1st Mecz Div. The installation was only partly occupied after July 1951, when the courses of instruction were moved from Olympisches Dorf to Wuensdorf. 50X1-HUM

- (4) The Adler Kaserne and the Loewen Kaserne are located on the south side of Hamburger Chaussee and constitute a collective billeting area which, according to the present report, is occupied by a total of 5,500 troops. Although this estimate appears somewhat too high, the 5,500 troops there, plus about 3,000 troops in Olympisches Dorf plus about 3,000 troops in Altes Lager would add up to about 11,500 troops, that is approximately the peacetime strength of a mechanized division. This indicates that, upon completion of the summer training period, the whole 1st Mecz Div returned to its previous billeting areas at the Doeberitz military post. The entraining and detraining, which took place between 18 October and 2 November 1951, confirms that components of the 1st Mecz Div participated in field exercises in the Soviet Zone of Germany during that period.

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